

JULY 11

TOTARA

Learning Is For Everyone

Term Events

Speeches



This term we are writing persuasive texts. This will build into writing our speeches that will take place during the term. A great skill to learn so we are sure you'll hear it many times during practice!

Physical Education

This term we focus on Rugby and Netball. Mrs McClarron will take the Netball and Mr Molloy will take sessions on Rugby. Don't worry, it will be modified so no one will come home with teeth missing!

Homework

The basics

Please remember to encourage your child to complete their homework each night. These essentials are tables, computations, Action English Workbooks and reading. At times there are other tasks set. Spelling lists will continue for some children later in the term.

Please remember to use your child's diary for home/class communication. All children should be using this to write down their homework, key dates and any other things they need to remember for school.

Changes at Puberty

Year 7 and 8 children will be taught a unit based around changes at puberty. We are holding a voluntary information evening for parents. This will let you know what information the children are receiving and will help you answer any questions that may come home. If you do not want your child to be apart of this unit please let us know via the return form on the newsletter that will come home during this term.

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WELLINGTON
YEAR 8 GROUP

Last term the Year 8's had a fantastic trip to Wellington.

In only a few days we packed a lot of fun learning in. Sadly for the children all of the camps are finished for the year so term 3 will be a great working term!

WELCOME TO TERM 3

I hope you enjoyed the 2 week break and managed to spend time together as a family. This term is 10 weeks and is already filling fast with lots of learning planned.

As you can see the school looks very different with the new Rivers Block open and the old D Block gone. C Block is now named - Trees (hence the new class name Totara), B Block - Birds and A Block - Mountains. Each class is coming up with a name that fits their overall theme. This is a great opportunity for our children to learn a little more about Maori language and culture.

In maths this term we will complete Measurement. We will then start a unit on Fractions, Decimals & Percentages. Problem solving will continue to be a focus for homework and well as the website 'Study Ladder'. Later in the term we will be learning Geometry.

In Literacy this term the children will be reading historical novels. These will allow the children to pull the text apart and look at the key features of the text such as characterisation, plot and setting.

Mrs Dillon and I are really enjoying the class this year. The children are very keen learners and are extremely respectful of each other. We are impressed with their work ethic and their keenness to reach their goals each term.

It was great seeing all of the parents at the end of the term. Remember that the mid-year report is a guide to how your child is achieving. We hope to utilise the time in the next two terms to make further gains for all of the children. Please come and see us if you have any concerns or questions. The door is always open.

Have a great term.

Mike Molloy & Andrea Dillon